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MADISONVILLE DRUG DEALERS SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR CRACK COCAINE AND GUN CHARGES

- Approximate worth over \$10,500 -

LOUISVILLE, KY - Carlos Leon Logan, age 35, of Madisonville, Kentucky, in Hopkins County, was sentenced on August 17, 2007, to 15 years imprisonment on six narcotics charges plus a narcotics-related firearm charge and a co-defendant, Antonio "A. J." Mitchell, age 25, of Madisonville, Kentucky, in Hopkins County, who had previously pled guilty, was sentenced to four years probation in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for one count of Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Logan to five years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

U.S. Attorney Huber noted that because of unique federal laws, Logan received an extremely higher sentence than had he been prosecuted in state court: "Once again, local law enforcement working with our ATF has removed a gun-toting drug dealer from the streets of Madisonville. Federal-state cooperation results in good things for the community," Huber said.

Logan had been found guilty by a jury after a three and one-half day trial on May 21,

2007, and Mitchell had previously pled guilty on May 11, 2007. Logan was convicted of (1) conspiracy to possess controlled substances with the intent to distribute, (2) distribution 5 grams or more of crack cocaine, (3) possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine, (4) possession with intent to distribute powder cocaine, (5) possession with intent to distribute marijuana, (6) maintaining a house for the use or distribution of controlled substances, and (7) possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking conspiracy. All of these crimes were alleged to have occurred on February 9, 2005 in a house in Madisonville, Kentucky. At trial, the United States proved that on February 9, 2005, Logan sold more than 10 grams of crack cocaine to an informant and possessed more than 100 grams of crack cocaine, including a crack cocaine "cookie" in his bedroom that weighed more than 90 grams. Law enforcement officers who raided the house also found powder cocaine, more than six pounds of marijuana, more than \$5,000 cash, and a loaded pistol. One of Logan's convictions was under what is commonly known as "the Crack House Statute." The street value of the narcotics exceeded \$10,500.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John E. Kuhn, Jr., and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Madisonville Police Department; the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office, the Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force, and the Warrick County Indiana Sheriff's Office.